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Town Officers

Moderator
HARRY M. PRESCOTT

Clerk
ALICE J. NORTON

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor
C. A. LEIGHTON L. E. WHARFF
H. W. FROST

Treasurer
SUMNER L. HART

School Committee
AGNES KING ELWOOD WESTON
CONY PACKARD

Superintendent of Schools
C. L. SIDELINGER

Fence Viewers
I. W. TITCOMB VERDELL LEIGHTON

Surveyors of Lumber
GEO. H. FROST LESLIE W. KNOWLES
RALPH WESTON

Hearse Driver
W. H. HATHEWAY

Ballot Clerks
C. C. NORTON W. H. HATHEWAY
RODNEY LEIGHTON
EVA HATHEWAY BELLE LEIGHTON

Road Commissioner
CONY PACKARD

Fire Warden
E. L. KNOWLES

Mothers' Aid
L. MAUDE PATTERSON BELLE LEIGHTON
ANNIE WESTON

Surveyors of Wood and Bark
C. C. NORTON

Sealer of Weights and Measures
FRED M. HESCOCK

Sexton
SUMNER L. HART

Constables
C. C. NORTON WALTER L. ARNOLD
WINNIE M. LUMBART

Dog Constable
C. C. NORTON

Health Officer
C. C. NORTON

Board of Health
C. C. NORTON VANCE LEIGHTON

Pound Keeper
S. L. HART

Tax Collector
WINNIE M. LUMBART

Attendance Officer
CONY E. PACKARD

Field Driver
A. M. LEIGHTON

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens
I. W. TITCOMB BURTON N. PACKARD

Town Warrant

Piscataquis, ss.
To Charles C. Norton, Constable in the Town of Willimantic, County of Piscataquis and State of Maine,
GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Willimantic, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Town hall in said town on the fifteenth day of March, 1926, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year and see if the town will accept all town reports.

Art. 3. To choose three or more selectmen.

Art. 4. To choose three or more assessors.

Art. 5. To choose three or more overseers of the poor.

Art. 6. To choose a town treasurer.

Art. 7. To choose one or more school committee.

Art. 8. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay the collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To choose a collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To choose one or more fire wards, fix their compensations and raise a sum of money for same.

Art. 11. To choose a road commissioner for the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To choose all other town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools and the poor, repair of roads and bridges, and to defray all other town charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 14. To see how much money the town will raise for support of schools.

Art. 15. To see how much money the town will raise for support of the poor.

Art. 16. To see how much money the town will raise for summer roads and bridges.

Art. 17. To see how much money the town will raise for winter roads.

Art. 18. To see how much money the town will raise for town charges.

Art. 19. To see how much money the town will raise for repairs of school houses.

Art. 20. To see how much money the town will raise for textbooks.

Art. 21. To see how much money the town will raise for insurance and supplies.

Art. 22. To see how much money the town will raise for free high school.

Art. 23. To see how much money the town will raise for salary of superintendent of schools.

Art. 24. To see how much money the town will raise for Memorial day services and flags.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to pay their school committee for the ensuing year, and how much.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to replenish the jury box.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid as provided in Section 19, Chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and raise $300.00 for the improvement of the section of State Aid road as outlined in the report of the state highway commission in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of highways and bridges. The above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 18, Chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for patrol maintenance, and how much, for the ensuing year.

Art. 30. To see if the town will elect one member of the municipal board of mothers' aid for a term of three years.

Art. 31. To see how many weeks of school the town will vote to have for the ensuing year.

Art. 32. To see how much money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for flags and flagstaffs for the public schools.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to instruct the municipal officers to hire money to pay orders with until the taxes are paid, to the amount of two thousand dollars for the ensuing year.

Art. 34. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for advertising our natural resources, advantages and attractions, under the provisions of Chapter 4, Section 59, of the Revised Statutes of Maine, the same to be expended by the Maine Development Association.

Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to raise $300.00 to finish graveling the road from Delmont Weston's mill to the top of the hill, north of W. L. Earley's store, and have this work done with a truck in the month of June.

Art. 36. To see if the town will raise $500.00 to be expended on the road beginning at the bridge at Earley's store and extending to Packard's Camps, so called, $350.00 to be expended in hauling gravel and surfacing; $150.00 to be expended for machine work and repair of culverts.

Art. 37. To see if the town will raise money to provide for the services of a public health nurse or take any action thereon.

Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to help paint the town hall, and how much.

Art. 39. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 to be used as a chapel fund.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at town hall, at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

CLIFFORD A. LEIGHTON,
LESLIE E. WHARFF,
HAZEN W. FROST,
Selectmen of Willimantic.

Selectmen's Report

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF WILLIMANTIC
APRIL 1, 1925

Real estate, resident	$ 34,279 00	
Real estate, non-resident	124,357 00	
Total real estate		$158,636 00
Personal estate, resident	$14,162 00	
Personal estate, non-resident	435 00	
Total amount personal estate		$ 14,597 00
Grand total amount		$173,233 00
Total value of land	$129,256 00	
Total value of buildings	29,380 00	
		$158,636 00

LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
Horses	53	$80 47+	$4,265 00
Cows	99	26 15+	2,689 00
3-year-olds	13	24 61+	320 00
2-year-olds	33	14 33+	573 00
Sheep	18	4 00+	73 00
Fowl	51	49+	25 00
Oxen	4	30 00	120 00
			$ 8,065 00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
1-year-old	33	$ 8 93+	$295 00
Sheep	191	3 36+	643 00
Swine	27	12 44+	336 00
Fowl	883	50+	444 00
			$ 1,718 00

Stock in trade, 2	$1,300 00	
Small boats, 56	692 00	
Musical instruments, 7	650 00	
Automobiles, 37	3,425 00	
Gas engines, 8	290 00	
Tractors, 1	175 00	
No. polls taxed, 58	174 00	
No. polls exempt, 13		
Town property other than school buildings	1,720 00	

Date of assessment, April 29, 1925.

No. of dogs, 22; rate of assessment, .036.

CASH APPROPRIATIONS

Support of schools	$ 1,200 00	
Support of poor	175 00	
Roads and bridges	1,800 00	
Town charges	600 00	
Repairs of schoolhouses	300 00	
Textbooks	25 00	
Insurance and supplies	85 00	
Free high school	100 00	
Supt. of schools	150 00	
Memorial and flags	6 00	
State Aid highway	300 00	
Patrol maintenance	120 00	
Cemetery fence	100 00	
		$ 4,961 00

State tax		1,229 39
County tax		194 85
Overlay		36 30
		$ 6,421 54

TOWN CHARGES

Amount raised by town	$600 00	
Unexpended, 1924	33 34	
Rent on town hall	30 00	
Interest on deposit	8 67	
Tax on bank stock	14 55	
Transferred from cemetery fund	10 24	
Dog tax refunded, 1924-1925	7 65	
		$ 704 45

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Clifford A. Leighton, selectman	$100 00
Leslie E. Wharff, selectman	30 00
Hazen W. Frost, selectman	20 00
Alice J. Norton, clerk	5 00
Sumner L. Hart, treasurer	40 00
Winnie M. Lumbart, collector of taxes	100 00
Fred M. Hescock, sealer of weights and measures	5 00
C. C. Norton, dog constable	3 00
C. C. Norton, ballot clerk	6 00
Rodney Leighton, ballot clerk	3 00
Eva Hatheway, ballot clerk	6 00
Belle Leighton, ballot clerk	6 00
W. H. Hatheway, ballot clerk	3 00
C. C. Norton, posting warrants	4 50
W. H. Hatheway, selectman pro tem election	3 00
E. L. Knowles, fire ward	10 00
C. C. Norton, Justice of the Peace	2 00
Cony Packard, attendance officer	3 00

C. C. Norton, health officer	1 00	
		$ 350 50

INCIDENTALS

Register Publishing Co., town reports	$ 48 00	
Loring, Short & Harmon, town books	20 10	
Geo. E. Howard & Co., insurance town hall	20 00	
Alice J. Norton, cleaning hall town meeting	2 00	
C. B. Crosby, advertising Maine's resources	25 00	
Wilson Valley Grange, janitor and fuel, 1924	12 00	
Myron Clark, fighting fire	3 00	
H. F. Pierce, fighting fire	3 00	
Treasurer of state, care of Norwood Turner	46 57	
Harry Preble, assessors meeting at Dover	5 00	
W. H. Hatheway, padlock for hall	1 25	
Sumner L. Hart, Treasurers books	11 50	
Sumner L. Hart, cutting grass in cemetery	10 00	
Wilson Valley Grange, janitor and fuel 1925	15 00	
W. L. Early, lumber cut in 1922	2 25	
Sam Hunt, fighting fire	3 00	
C. A. Leighton, postage	2 24	
Sumner L. Hart, postage	4 94	
Sumner L. Hart, collecting taxes 1924	3 00	
E. E. Ross, disinfectant for scarlet fever 1924	2 33	
Alice J. Norton, cleaning hall	2 50	
Alice J. Norton, election, postage, express	8 15	

Alice J. Norton, vital statistics	3 50		
Guilford Trust Co., interest	36 33		
Interest on school fund	47 25		
S. L. Hart, care of lots	1 50		
		$	339 41
Town officers bills			350 50
Unexpended balance 1925			14 54
		$	704 45

CEMETERY FUND

Raised by town	$100 00		
E. L. Knowles, cemetery fence	2 00		
Mary Foote, Burt Tefft cemetery lot	5 00		
Cony Packard, cemetery lot	5 00		
W. L. Dauphinee, cemetery lot	5 00		
		$	117 00

Expenditures

Sumner L. Hart, wire fence and labor, cemetery fence	$106 76		
Transferred to town charges	10 24		
		$	117 00

SUPPORT OF POOR

Amount raised by town	$175 00		
Overexpended 1924	13 29		
		$	161 71
Overexpended 1925			27 29
		$	189 00

CARE OF ABBIE GENTHNER

Alma Wise, order No. 10	$ 45 50		
Alma Wise, order No. 83	38 50		
Alma Wise, order No. 153	35 00		
Alma Wise, order No. 220	31 50		
Agnes King, order No. 266	38 50		
		$	189 00

TOWN PROPERTY

2 road machines	$150 00	
Town hall	700 00	
Hearse	500 00	
Wheel scraper	35 00	
Snow roller	125 00	
Snow plow	25 00	
Store house	75 00	
Piano	50 00	
Road plow	50 00	
Bail scraper	10 00	
		$ 1,720 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

G. L. Bessey, poll tax	$ 3 00	
H. W. Frost	5 05	
J. H. Leavitt	12 67	
Earl Hill	1 80	
Grange stable	7 20	
		$ 29 72

OUTSTANDING BILLS

School fund town of Willimantic	$ 787 50
Estate of Ann Hatheway for care of lot in cemetery	50 00

RESOURCES

Cash on hand	$ 320 36

CLIFFORD A. LEIGHTON,
LESLIE E. WHARFF,
HAZEN W. FROST,
Selectmen of Willimantic.

Report of Foreman Third Class Road

3rd CLASS ROAD ACCOUNT

Appropriation for 1925	$526 01	
Unexpended balance, 1924	6 75	
Joint fund for 1925		$ 532 76
Overexpended 1925		10 98
		$ 543 74
W. R. Donaldson	$ 9 00	
Merl Hill	16 50	
Guy Leighton	12 00	
S. A. Anderson	24 00	
Guy Leighton	13 50	
Merl Hill	13 50	
W. R. Donaldson	19 50	
C. A. Leighton	44 00	
W. R. Donaldson	12 00	
Berger Mfg. Co., culvert	31 92	
Guy Leighton	16 50	
Arthur Bessey	16 50	
Rodney Leighton	16 50	
Percy Leighton	13 50	
Verdell Leighton	16 50	
L. G. Patterson	16 50	
S. A. Anderson	54 00	

Merl Hill	15 00	
W. E. Southard, hauling culvert	5 00	
Guy Leighton	3 00	
Guy Leighton	6 00	
Merl Hill	9 00	
W. R. Donaldson	9 00	
C. A. Leighton	32 00	
Town of Monson, trucks hauling gravel	60 00	
C. A. Leighton	8 00	
S. A. Anderson	6 00	
W. R. Donaldson	3 00	
John Scales & Sons, dynamite	17 27	
C. A. Leighton, dynamite	4 20	
Cost of inspection	20 35	
		$ 543 74

STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT

Accepted by State	$300 00	
State fund	798 00	
Balance 1924 account	40 55	
Joint fund for 1925		$ 1,138 55
C. A. Leighton	$ 6 00	
Berger Mfg. Co., culverts	154 28	
Adin Green	10 66	
Rodney Leighton	12 16	
Arthur Bessey	12 16	
Merl Hill	12 16	
Ralph Weston	12 16	
W. R. Donaldson	12 16	
Adin Green	12 00	
Ralph Weston	14 67	
Rodney Leighton	14 67	
Arthur Bessey	14 67	
Ivan Leighton	25 33	
Merl Hill	14 67	
Verdell Leighton	26 82	

W. R. Donaldson	20 00	
Lynwood Leighton	9 16	
Percy Leighton	12 16	
Ivan Leighton	12 16	
Adin Green	12 16	
Ralph Weston	12 16	
Merl Hill	12 16	
C. A. Leighton	112 70	
Adin Green	5 33	
Merl Hill	15 00	
Ralph Weston	15 00	
Adin Green	12 00	
Ivan Leighton	15 00	
Guy Leighton	27 16	
Percy Leighton	15 00	
Lynwood Leighton	15 00	
Elwood Weston	30 00	
W. R. Donaldson	21 82	
C. A. Leighton	55 90	
S. A. Anderson	112 00	
L. G. Patterson	111 00	
W. R. Donaldson	1 50	
Merl Hill	1 50	
W. H. Hatheway, gravel	26 40	
C. A. Leighton	7 00	
W. R. Donaldson	6 00	
S. A. Anderson	2 66	
W. E. Southard	3 00	
John Scales & Sons, paint, nails	2 61	
C. A. Leighton	5 40	
Cost of inspection	16 70	
Unexpended balance, 1925	59 02	
		$ 1,138 55

CLIFFORD A. LEIGHTON, Foreman.

Road Commissioner's Report

Amount raised by town	$1,800 00	
Patrol maintenance	120 00	
Received from state 50-50	50 00	
Received from C. E. Tefft, 4 bags cement	4 00	
		$1,974 00
For patrol appropriated by state		418 50
Total road money for 1925		$ 1,555 50

SPRING 1925

Coney Packard	$21 00	
W. F. King	21 00	
S. L. Hart	2 34	
		$ 44 34

50-50

C. E. Packard	$35 00	
W. F. King	13 00	
C. A. Frost	3 25	
E. L. Knowles	39 00	
C. E. Packard	7 00	
I. W. Titcomb	3 25	
		$ 100 50

SUMMER WORK 1925

C. E. Packard	$ 10 00
D. C. Weston, plank	104 90
B. M. Packard, balance of bill	3 25
C. E. Packard	19 09
B. & A., freight	1 90
C. E. Packard	18 78
C. M. Conant, culvert	43 91
D. C. Weston, plank	41 60
C. E. Packard	16 25
F. H. Palmer, cement	11 40
C. A. Frost	17 87
J. R. Arnold	12 20
Harry Chamberlain	14 08
C. E. Packard	32 35
W. L. Arnold	35 45
W. F. King	34 66
C. E. Packard	7 50
C. A. Frost	18 95
John Scales & Son, bill of goods	27 02
D. C. Weston, lumber and labor	35 45
J. R. Arnold	11 37
C. A. Frost	3 25
J. R. Arnold	16 25
C. A. Frost	16 25
H. Chamberlain	14 62
C. E. Packard	35 00
W. F. King	32 50
A. A. Green	3 25
S. A. Anderson	65 00
J. R. Arnold	13 54
C. A. Frost	14 08
H. Chamberlain	10 83
C. E. Packard	33 62
E. L. Knowles	15 16
H. Chamberlain	6 50
W. F. King	19 50

J. R. Arnold	13 00
C. A. Frost	16 97
C. E. Packard	24 75
C. E. Packard	18 25
C. E. Packard	35 00
I. W. Titcomb	123 50
B. L. Knowles	13 00
W. H. Hatheway	19 50
John Scales & Son, 4 spades, 1 pick axe	7 40
F. T. Flint, labor on ledge, Hill road	26 25
W. J. Gourley	1 62
Hugh Gourley	5 05
J. R. Arnold	26 00
G. L. Bessey	1 62
W. E. Gilman	16 75
W. E. Southards	2 16
I. W. Titcomb	7 45
C. E. Packard	14 00
C. E. Packard	51 33
C. E. Packard	7 00
E. A. Judkins	11 37
C. E. Packard	21 00
J. R. Arnold	9 75
John Gilman	3 60
John Scales & Son, 2 padlocks	1 50
C. E. Packard	10 75
L. E. Patterson, gravel and logs	4 90
E. L. Knowles	13 00
D. C. Weston, plank	23 76
John Gilman	6 50
Adin Green	6 50
Coney Packard	47 09
Bert Knowles	26 00
E. L. Knowles	16 25
W. F. King	19 50
I. W. Titcomb	13 00

S. A. Anderson	13 00	
G. R. Titcomb	3 25	
Caleb Leavitt	5 00	
Elwood Weston	5 46	
Charlie Leavitt	9 75	
Hugh Gourley	13 00	
Willie Gourley	8 12	
C. A. Frost	13 00	
W. L. Earley, lumber	5 60	
C. C. Norton, gravel	1 90	
H. S. Goodale	1 20	
B. M. Packard & Son	8 56	

SNOW WORK 1925-26

Cony Packard	$ 16 33	
Will King	15 92	
B. L. Knowles	21 00	
E. L. Knowles	21 77	
Ivan Leighton	2 66	
Ivory Titcomb	3 00	
L. W. Knowles	1 00	
Coney Packard	24 75	
		$ 106 43
Total money expended	$1,821 51	
Total road money	1,555 50	
Overexpended		$ 266 01
Unexpended South Road fund 1924		$ 4 67

CONEY PACKARD,
Road Commissioner.

Treasurer's Report

Feb. 26, 1925

Dr.

Check account, Guilford Trust Co.	$ 511 98
Cash on hand	3 00
Rec'd from Lawson W. Dauphinee, cemetery lot,	5 00
May 9, Guilford Trust Co.	1,000 00
June 19, Guilford Trust Co.	1,000 00
July 9, State Treasurer, 50-50 highway	50 00
July 25, State Treasurer, tax on bank stock	14 55
Aug. 7, rent town hall	15 00
Aug. 31, Town Clerk, dog tax	26 00
Sept. 11, Coney E. Packard, 4 bags cement	4 00
Oct. 19, State Treasurer, improved state road	762 83
Nov. 11, Mary B. Tefft, cemetery lot	5 00
Nov. 28, State Treasurer, 3rd class road	512 41
Nov. 30, State Treasurer, dog license refunded	4 79
Nov. 30, State Treasurer, state school fund	621 72

Dec .17, E. L. Knowles, cemetery fence	2 00	
Feb. 20, rent of town hall	15 00	
Feb. 20, Coney Packard, cemetey lot	5 00	
State pension	96 00	
Treasurer of public school fund	89 56	
Guilford Trust Co., interest on check account	8 67	
Winnie M. Lumbart, col. taxes	6,421 54	
		$ 11,174 05

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Aug. 26, paid County Treasurer, county tax	$ 194 85	
Aug. 31, state Treas. dog tax	26 00	
Sept. 16, Guilford Trust Co., interest on money hired	36 33	
Sept. 19, State Treas., patrol maintenance	418 50	
Nov. 30, State Treas., state tax	1,229 39	
Abbie Genthner, state pension	96 00	
Order	8,852 62	
Feb. 25, deposit with Guilford Trust Co.,	320 36	
		$ 11,174 05

SUMNER L. HART, Treasurer.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND

March 1, 1926	Notes at Interest	
Town of Willimantic	$787 50	
U. S. Liberty bonds	500 00	
Verdill A. Leighton	282 06	
State Trust Co.	62 50	
		$ 1,632 06

Interest Collected March 1, 1925 to March 1, 1926

State Trust Co.	$ 4 14	
U. S. Liberty bond	21 25	
Verdill A. Leighton	16 92	
Town of Willimantic	47 25	
		$ 89 56
Transferred to common school appropriation		$ 89 56

SUMNER L. HART, Treasurer.

Town Clerk's Report

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF WILLIMANTIC FOR THE YEAR 1925

June 15. Thelma Ruth Leavitt, daughter of John L. and Helen L. Leavitt.

June 16. Marshall Newton Southard, son of William E. and Florence M. Southard.

June 18. Carleton Dale Cook, son of Claude D. and Glenora D. Cook.

Aug. 23. Zena Daire Leighton, daughter of Vance and Nellie M. Leighton.

Sept. 13. Harry Junior Chamberlain, son of Harry G. and Jennie M. Chamberlain.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF WILLIMANTIC FOR THE YEAR 1925

Nov. 7. Walter Llewellyn Arnold and Marcia Marie Snowman.

Dec. 5. Arthur Elwell Bessey and Thelma Irene Davis.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF WILLIMANTIC FOR THE YEAR 1925

Jan. 17. Valentine Patterson, age 73 years, 2 months, 29 days.

Mar. 21. Lester Knowles, age 47 years.

Sept. 18. Harry Junior Chamberlain, age 15 days.

Oct. 20. Cora Belle Lee, age 42 years, 5 months, 6 days.

Nov. 29. Florence Pushor Hill, age 62 years, 2 months 1 day.

No. dogs licensed, 20, $ 24 00

ALICE J. NORTON, Town Clerk.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Willimantic:

I submit herewith my sixth annual report as superintendent of your schools.

Your school year is very much shorter than the average length for the state. The average length of the school year in this state is 174 days, or nearly thirty-five weeks. You are now having only thirty weeks in your school year. In most of the towns around us the elementary school work is planned on the bases of a school year of thirty-six weeks each year for eight years, or a total of 288 weeks for the eight years. The pupils in any town having a school year of only thirty weeks are compelled to spend nearly ten years with their elementary school work. This is quite a handicap to a pupil who wishes to continue his education beyond the elementary schools. I think the voters of Willimantic should try to give, as far as possible, the children of their town as good an opportunity to complete their school work as the children of other towns are getting.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Two schools are being maintained in the town. The pupils in the No. 1 school district are being conveyed to the school in district No. 3. At this time there are

only three pupils from district No. 1 attending school. Maizie C. Smith is still teaching the school in district No. 2. Viola M. Wooster began teaching in the No. 3 school when the schools opened last September. Miss Wooster is a graduate of the Castine Normal school. The work of your two teachers seems to be proving very satisfactory. The number of pupils enrolled in the schools this year is not so large as the number enrolled last year.

EXPENDITURES AND APPROPRIATIONS

The average annual salary paid to women teachers in the elementary schools of the state is $793. The average annual salary paid your teachers is $630. The average school tax rate for the state is .0115, while that for your town is only .0078. You will see that you can do considerable more for your schools before either the wages of your teachers or your school tax rate is as large as the average for the state.

In another part of this report I am giving an estimate of the money that will be needed for school purposes for the ensuing year. The amount suggested for elementary schools should make it possible for us to retain good teachers and, also, to provide for a longer school year. The cost of the tuition for the high school pupils will be considerable larger for the next few years. The tuition charges for the seven pupils now attending high school amounts to $480. The amount of the state refund for seven pupils is $280. However, as this money from the state is not received till after most of the tuition bills have to be paid, quite a sum should be raised for tuition purposes. There should be about the usual amount available for textbooks and for school supplies for the coming year.

SCHOOL REPAIRS

Very little repair work has been done on the school buildings during the year. One side of the roof of the

school building in district No. 3 was shingled, and one coat of paint was put on the wood work in the school room of the building in district No. 3.

There seems to be three needs coming under the head of school repairs that you may wish to plan to do this coming summer, or at least some of them. These are (1) painting the interior of the school building in district No. 3, (2) fixing the coat rooms in this building, and (3) repairing the outbuildings at the school building in district No. 2 so that they will conform to the requirements of the law.

I would like to have the voters begin to consider the matter of changing the method of heating their school rooms. The present method of using two small stoves in the rooms is not very satisfactory. There as excellent heating and ventilating systems on the market at the present time. These are not very expensive, and they would keep the rooms heated with less fuel.

ESTIMATE OF SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1926

Elementary school account:		
Teachers' wages	$1,500 00	
Transportation of children	400 00	
Fuel for schools	130 00	
Janitor services and supplies	70 00	
		$ 2,100 00
Reductions:		
Unexpended and State funds		1,000 00
Necessary appropriation		$ 1,100 00
High school tuition:		
For tuition		250 00
Free textbook account		25 00
School supply account		50 00
School repairs	$100 00 to	300 00
Superintendent of schools, salary		155 00

A statement of the receipts and expenditures for

school purposes for this year is given for your inspection.

In closing I wish to thank the people of Willimantic for the support and cooperation they have given me throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted.

C. L. SIDELINGER, Supt.

February 23, 1926.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1925

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1924	$ 627 93	
Raised by town	1,200 00	
State school fund	541 72	
Interest	89 56	
		$ 2,459 21

Expenditures

Teachers' wages:		
Maizie C. Smith	$641 00	
Marcia M. Snowman	210 00	
Viola M. Wooster	441 00	
		$ 1,292 00
Fuel for schools:		
Coney Packard	$84 00	
Jesse Arnold	27 00	
Delmont Weston	49 00	
E. J. Weston	4 00	
Clarence Cook	1 00	
		$ 165 00
Janitor services:		
Bruce Packard	$26 50	
Clarence Cook	7 50	
Evangeline Cook	19 00	

Cleaning school buildings	10 00	
		$ 63 00
Transportation:		
Winnie M. Lumbart		$ 387 50
Unexpended, 1925		$ 551 71
		$ 2,459 21

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1924	$111 89	
Raised by town	100 00	
State school fund	80 00	
		$ 291 89

Expenditures

To East Maine Conference Seminary for Ella Preble	$60 00	
Opal Merrill	30 00	
To Higgins Classical Institute for		
Juanita Earley	$40 00	
Drummond Earley	20 00	
Kathleen Earley	20 00	
Merton Weston	20 00	
To town of Guilford for		
Herbert King	25 00	
Unexpended, 1925	76 89	
		$ 291 89

FREE TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1924	$12 47	
Raised by town	25 00	
		$ 37 47

Expenditures

Paid for books	$27 91	
Unexpended, 1925	9 56	
		$ 37 47

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1924	$12 97	
Raised by town	47 50	
		$ 60 47

Expenditures

Paper and supplies	$34 83	
Wall map and globe	20 56	
Unexpended	5 08	
		$ 60 47

SCHOOL REPAIRS AND INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Receipts

Raised by town for:		
School repairs	$300 00	
Insurance	37 50	
		$ 337 50

Expenditures

Overdraft, 1924	$203 87	
Lumber and material	25 67	
Labor on buildings	34 65	
Insurance on school buildings:		
Four hundred on No. 1 building	15 00	
Eight hundred on No. 2 building	30 00	
Unexpended 1925	28 31	
		$ 337 50

SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1924	$ 1 86	
Raised by town	150 00	
Overdraft, 1925	2 14	
		$ 154 00
Expenditures:		
C. L. Sidelinger, salary		$ 154 00

Preserve this Report

A sufficient number of these reports have been printed to furnish every interested citizen with a copy. An effort has been made to get them into the hands of the voters in advance. It should be borne in mind that if copies are left at home there may not be a sufficient number at the hall to go around on town meeting day. This year or any year it is desirable for you to have a copy of the annual report as soon as issued. It is also important for you to preserve it and bring it with you town meeting day morning.